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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications system, comprising:
  - a local area network;
  - one or more telecommunications devices coupled to said local area network;
  - a switching unit coupled to said local area network, said switching unit adapted to associate a plurality of numbers with a user, record a time and associated number at which said user has been reached, and perform a closest neighbor time comparison of multiple records of previous calls to determine where to connect a current call.
2. (Original) A telecommunications system in accordance with claim 1, said switching unit further adapted to switch calls to said user at particular locations at programmed times.
3. (Original) A telecommunications system in accordance with claim 2, said switching unit comprising an H.323 gatekeeper.
4. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications gatekeeper, comprising:
  - a control processor adapted to process incoming and outgoing calls, wherein users have one or more numbers associated with them;
  - a record unit adapted to store in a memory a call history associated with particular users; and
  - a compare unit adapted to perform a closest time neighbor comparison of multiple calls in said call history to determine at which of said one or more numbers to connect the call.

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5. (Original) A telecommunications gatekeeper in accordance with claim 4, said control unit programmable to switch calls to said users at particular numbers at particular times.

6. (Original) A telecommunications gatekeeper in accordance with claim 5, said compare unit adapted to perform said closest neighbor comparison if a call is not connected to a programmed number at the programmed time.

7. (Original) A telecommunications gatekeeper in accordance with claim 4, wherein said call history is updated after every call.

8. (Original) A telecommunications gatekeeper in accordance with claim 4, wherein said call history is cleared after a predetermined period.

9. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:  
maintaining a call history of calls to one or more numbers of a particular user;  
receiving a new call;  
performing a closest neighbor time comparison ~~[[on]] of multiple calls in~~ said call history to determine at which of said numbers to switch said new call;  
connecting said new call; and  
updating said call history.

10. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 9, further comprising first attempting to switch a call to a user-programmed time associated call location.

11. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 10, further comprising clearing said call history after a predetermined period has elapsed.

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12. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:  
providing a control processor adapted to process incoming and outgoing calls,  
wherein users have one or more numbers associated with them;  
providing a record unit adapted to store in a memory a call history associated  
with particular users; and  
providing a compare unit adapted to perform a closest neighbor time comparison  
of multiple calls in said call history to determine at which of said one or more numbers  
to connect the call.

13. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 12, said control unit  
programmable to switch calls to said users at particular numbers at particular times.

14. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 13, said compare unit  
adapted to perform said closest neighbor comparison if a call is not connected to a  
programmed number at the programmed time.

15. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 14, wherein said call history  
is updated after every call.

16. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 14, wherein said call history  
is cleared after a predetermined period.